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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WANG et al.

Application No.: 09/870,353

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: IMPROVED NUCLEIC ACID
MODIFYING ENZYMES

Examiner: Richard Hutson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, drawn to a protein comprising a polymerase domain. Enclosed herewith is a fee authorization to extend the time for response for one month.

Applicants respectfully request entry of new claims 15-42, which are encompassed by the elected Group. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in the **Amendments to the Claims** section that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The response restriction requirement is further addressed in the **Remarks** section, which begin on page 8 of this paper.

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